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An Update on Sentencing Law & Procedure Seminar

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Restitution

- Restitution is mandatory
- Recovery of restitution
- Restitution defined
- Restitution orders
- Rules & procedures governing orders of restitution
- Restitution hearing
- Enforcing the restitution order
- Miscellaneous issues

Sex Offender Registration Act

- Background information on Michigan Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA)
- An overview of SORA (MCL 28.721 et seq)
- Relevant Michigan State Police forms
 - MSP DD-4
 - MSP DD-4A
- Sex offender databases

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SORA - continued

- A look at new legislation
 - 2004 PA 32, effective 6-30-2004
 - 2004 PA 237, effective 10-16-2004
 - 2004 PA 238, effective 5-01-2005
 - 2004 PA 239, effective 10-01-2004
 - 2004 PA 240, effective 10-01-2004

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Probation Violations

- Must use statutory sentencing guidelines
- Re-score sentencing guidelines PRV 7 if subsequent felony conviction
- In straddle cell consider prison alternative
- Proportional departure based on articulated substantial & compelling reasons

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Guideline Objections

- MCR 6.429(C) amended effective June 29, 2004
- Objections may be made by postconviction motion for resentencing
- No preservation required if guidelines error results in sentence outside guidelines range

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The Implications of *Blakely v Washington* and *People v Claypool* on Michigan Sentencing

- Considerations from the bench
 - Blakely does not apply to prior conviction sentence enhancements
 - Blakely involved a state determinate sentencing scheme
 - Blakely majority expressed no opinion on the Federal Guidelines which were not before the Court in Blakely
 - Michigan's indeterminate sentencing scheme as a whole is not invalidated by Blakely. People v Claypool.
- Considerations from a prosecutor's perspective

The Implications of *Blakely v Washington* and *People v Claypool* on Michigan Sentencing - continued

- Consideration from a defense attorney's perspective
 - Reasoning arguably applies to both departures and scoring
 - Plea negotiations might include factual admissions at pleas in addition to necessary elements
 - Special jury instructions/allegations in information

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